

## ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

## POLICY DESCRIPTION FORM

Department/Group: Arrowhead Regional Medical Center Budget Code: EAD MCR  
 Title: Restoration of 8 positions within 1 classification Accredited Records Technicians

PRIORITY: Rank 5 of 11 FUNDING: Full Year ☒ Other ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Months

ITEM STATUS: Restoration ☒ Program Change ☐ Workload ☐

OPERATIONAL AND/OR FISCAL IMPACT: Clearly explain the impact on services (attach additional pages if required)

Accredited Records Technician – These positions are critical to the cash flow of ARMC through timely coding of patient visits and meeting billing deadlines. There is significant risk to ARMC should the coding be performed by other than certified professional coders. The risk of miscoding and/or going beyond the OSHPD state deadline is a penalty of \$100.00 per day for each day we go beyond the deadline. The hospital recently spent \$150,000.00 on contract coders in order to meet our last Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) deadline. These positions are extremely difficult to recruit for due to certification requirements.

	2003-04	Ongoing 2004-05
<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		
Salaries & Benefits (attach additional page if required)	\$ 236,746	\$ 260,420

## CLASSIFICATIONS

Budgeted Staff	Title	Amount
4.59	Accr Records Tech	\$ 236,746
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Services & Supplies

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment

## FIXED ASSETS

Item	Amount
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Reimbursements (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ 236,746 \$ 260,420

REVENUE (specify source)

Patient Services	236,746	260,420
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Total: \$ 236,746 \$ 260,420

LOCAL COST \$ 0 \$ 0